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Bengaluru, Dated: 27 -02-2023.

From:

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government,
Forest, Ecology and Environment Department,
Bengaluru-560001.

To:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF),
Aranya Bhavan, Malleshwaram,
Bengaluru-560003.

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 0.341 hectare of forest land in Sy.No.5 Uttarahalli Manavarthe Kaval Village, Ullal Hobli, Sy.No.170 Badamanavarthe Kaval Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru District for Laying of MS pipes of 2101mm Dia and 1901 mm Dia to Facilitate the Drinking Water Supply to Bengaluru Urban Areas (City Trunk Main Along Western Route of CP10) in favour of Executive Engineer, Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB), K-4 Division, 1st Floor, Margosa Road, Suvarana Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru -560012.

Proposal No:FP/KA/WATER/117274/2020.

Ref: Your office letter No.KFD/HOFF/A5-4(GFL)/7/2021-FC,
Dated: 01-02-2023.

With reference to the above subject I am directed to refer to your office letter vide referred at above seeking *in-principle approval (Stage-I)* of the State Government under Section -2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the above cited project.

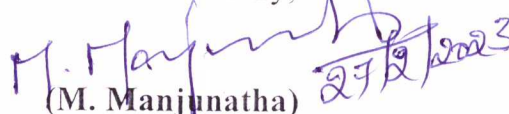
The State Government hereby conveys *in-principle approval (Stage-I)* under section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of of 0.341 hectare of forest land in Sy.No.5 Uttarahalli Manavarthe Kaval Village, Ullal Hobli, Sy.No.170 Badamanavarthe Kaval Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru District for Laying of MS pipes of 2101mm Dia and 1901 mm Dia to Facilitate the Drinking Water Supply to Bengaluru Urban Areas (City Trunk Main Along Western Route of CP10) in favour of Executive Engineer, Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB), K-4 Division, 1st Floor, Margosa Road, Suvarana Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:-

1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged and it shall continue to be forest land and the area of diversion shall not exceed 0.341 hectare.
2. The User Agency shall pay the applicable Net Present Value (NPV), Land Lease Rent and any other levies as per the conditions of approval.

3. The User Agency shall demarcate the lease area in the manner specified at the time of approval at its own cost.
4. The lessee shall not sub-lease, mortgage and hypothecate the forest area.
5. The leased-out area should be used for the purpose for which it is granted. In case, the land is not used for the stipulated purpose within two years or when it is no longer needed for the stipulated purpose, the area would stand resumed to the Forest Department.
6. The application for renewal of the lease in the prescribed form and manner shall be submitted at least six months prior to the expiry of forest lease. In case no renewal is sought, the Lessee shall hand over the lease.
7. No residential or commercial buildings shall be permitted in the forest area proposed for diversion.
8. No crushing/ breaking of stones or labour camp shall be allowed inside forest area and all waste/debris generated shall be scientifically disposed off outside the forest area.
9. Any damage to forest area because of implementation of the project shall be compensated by the Lessee. The extent of damage shall be assessed by the jurisdictional Chief/Conservator/Deputy Conservator of Forests.
10. The lessee shall ensure that no avoidable harm is caused to the fauna and flora in and around the proposed area.
11. No change in Land Use Plan shall be done unless prior approval of Government of India under FC Act 1980 is obtained.
12. In case, any violation of the provisions of the Karnataka Forest Act, 1963 and Rules, 1969 or other relevant Acts/Rules is reported during the lease period, the lease will be liable for forfeiture under section 82 of Karnataka Forest Act 1963. The Chief/ Conservator / Deputy Conservator of Forests concerned are authorized to take necessary action in this regard.
13. The approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 is subject to any other clearances necessary under the prevailing statutes.
14. The User Agency shall also abide by other conditions those may be imposed by the Government of India, Government of Karnataka and Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) before or after the approval.
15. **The period of diversion under this approval shall be for 30 years or the project life, whichever is less.**
16. The Lessee shall provide signages in appropriate dimensions and kind near the proposed pipeline & other components within forest limits for sensitization of general public towards the forest, wildlife and environmental issues in consultation with the jurisdictional Deputy Conservator of Forests.

17. The dimension of the drinking water pipelines shall be as specified by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change under para 4.2 of the Handbook.
18. All the funds received from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred/deposited to CAMPA fund only through e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>)
19. The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned Deputy Commissioner.
20. User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
21. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
22. Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel.
23. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
24. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
25. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Govt. of India.
26. Violation of any these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the MoEF & CC Guideline F.No.11-42/2017-FC Dated:29-01-2018.
27. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of Conservation, Protection and Development of Forests & Wildlife.

Yours faithfully,


(M. Manjunatha)

Under Secretary to Government
Forest, Ecology and Environment Department (Forest-C).

Copy to: -

1. The Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, Paryavaran Bhavan, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi-110003.
2. The Deputy Director General of Forests (Central), Integrated Regional Office Kendriya Sadan, 4th Floor, E&F Wings, 17th Main, Koramangala.
3. The Executive Engineer, Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB), K-4 Division, 1st Floor, Margosa Road, Suvarana Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru -560012.
4. SGF/Spore Copies.

